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1. SUMMARY. AS REQUESTED REFTEL A, ON APRIL 14 EMBOFF DISCUSSED US INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN AFDF'S ED AND ALTED ELECTIONS WITH DOTTORESSA FORCIGNANO, ITALIAN ED TO AFDF. FORCIGNANO CONFIRMED GERMAN ED REPORT (REFTEL B) THAT US INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION CAN BE FIRST EVINCED IN 1977 ELECTION, NOT IN UPCOMING MAY 2-8 AFDF ANNUAL MEETING. FORCIGNANO WAS GENERALLY PLEASED WITH US INTEREST IN EVENTUAL PARTICIPATION BUT BELIEVES IT IS TOO EARLY TO DISCUSS ANY SPECIFICS. END SUMMARY.

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2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED US INTEREST IN EVENTUAL PARTICIPATION

IN AFDF'S ED AND ALTED ELECTIONS WITH DOTTORESSA FORCIGNANO, ITALIAN ED TO AFDF. FORCIGNANO CONFIRMED GERMAN ED REPORT (REFTEL B) THAT FIRST POSSIBILITY FOR US PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS WILL BE IN 1977 AT TIME OF REPLENISHMENT. NEXT ELECTION AT MAY 2-8 AFDF ANNUAL MEETING, ACCORDING TO FORCIGNANO, SHOULD BE A SIMPLE FORMALITY ONLY, SINCE THE INCLUSION OF SAUDI ARABIA IN ONE OF THE EXISTING CONSTITUENCES EXPECTED TO BE A RELATIVELY EASY MATTER.

3. FORCIGNANO WAS PLEASED WITH US INTEREST IN DIRECTLY PARTICIPATING AT THE AFDF EITHER THROUGH ED OR ALTED OFFICIAL. DESPITE ITS BEING TOO EARLY TO CONSIDER DETAILS, GOI WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT SUCH PARTICIPATION SINCE ONLY OTHER SOMEWHAT FULL-TIME ED IS CANADIAN. FORCIGNANO HERSELF SWITCHES OFF WITH HER ALTED, BELGIAN OFFICIAL ARNOLDI, REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT AFDF REGULAR MEETINGS AND DEVOTES ONLY A SMALL PART OF HER TIME TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FUND. SHE CAUTIONED THE US IN EQUATING THE LACK OF ANY FULL-TIME ED ON THE PART OF THE NON-REGIONAL MEMBERS WITH ANY LACK OF INTEREST IN THE INSTITUTION, FEELING THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT ACTIVITY IN THE FUND TO WARRANT ANY FULL-TIME ED, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE PART-TIME CANADIAN WAS AVAILABLE. FORCIGNANO ALSO INDICATED THAT LACK OF ANY AFDF/AFDB FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR EDS AND ALTEDS IS OTHER INHIBITING FACTOR TO ASSIGNMENT OF FULL-TIME OFFICIALS.

4. DR. SILVANO PALUMBO AND FORCIGNANO WILL ATTEND ADB ANNUAL MEETING IN JAKARTA APRIL 22-24 AS ALTERNATIVE GOVERNOR AND TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE GOVERNOR, RESPECTIVELY, AND WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS US PARTICIPATION IN AFDF ISSUE FURTHER IF REQUESTED BY BUSHNELL OR OTHER US OFFICIALS.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT. IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF OF NEED FOR FULL-TIME NON-REGIONAL DONOR REPS AT AFDF, FORCIGNANO WENT OUT OF HER WAY TO MENTION WEAK ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF THE AFDF AND OF AFDB. IF THIS IS A PERCEIVED DEFECT BY OTHER NON-REGIONAL DONOR COUNTRIES, THIS COULD STRENGTHEN US BID FOR DIRECT US PARTICIPATION THROUGH ED SLOT.

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